

*28<sup>th</sup> Annual "Women of the Year" Awards Luncheon  
"Women's Voices, Women's Accomplishments"  
Monday, March 11, 2013  
11:30 a.m.*

*PROGRAM*

<b>Introduction &amp; Welcome</b>	<b>Becky A Shevlin (11:30-11:35)</b> <i>Events Committee Chair</i>
<b>Presidents Welcome</b>	<b>Veda E. Ward, Ph.D. (11:35-11:40)</b> <i>Commission President</i>
<b>Introduction of Alysha Del Valle</b>	<b>Veda E. Ward, Ph.D. (11:41-11:42)</b> <i>Mistress of Ceremonies</i>
<b>Welcome to V.I.P's</b>	<b>Alysha Del Valle (11:43-11:44)</b>
<b>Invocation</b>	<b>Sr. Mary Sean Hodges, O.P. (11:45-11:47)</b>
<b>Introduction of Los Angeles County</b>	<b>Alysha Del Valle (11:48 -11:53)</b> <b>Fire Department Honor Guard and Pledge of Allegiance</b>
<b>National Anthem</b>	<b>(11:54-11:59)</b>
<b>Presentations to Sponsors</b>	<b>Veda E. Ward, Ph.D. (12:00-12:08)</b>
<b>Lunch (12:00-12:30)</b>	
<b>Introduction of Special Guest (12:00-12:05)</b> <b>Scholarship Recipient During Lunch</b> Veda E. Ward and Jasmine Torres <b>(DOOR PRIZE DRAWINGS) Beck Shevlin</b>	
<b>Community-At-Large Awards Presentation: Health,</b>	<b>Alysha Del Valle (12:30-1:00)</b> <i>Education, Business/Labor &amp; Law/Public Safety</i>
<b>District Award Presentation from the</b>	<b>Alysha Del Valle (12:17-12:20)</b> <b>Supervisors (Intro)</b>
<b>Greetings &amp; District Award Presentation from</b>	<b>The Honorable Mark Ridley-Thomas (12:25-12:30)</b> <i>Supervisor Ridley-Thomas, Chairman of the Board</i>
<b>District Award Presentations from the Supervisors</b>	<i>The Honorable Gloria Molina (1:00-1:05) The Honorable Zev Yaroslavsky (1:05-1:10) The Honorable Don Knabe (1:10-1:15) The Honorable Michael D. Antonovich (1:15-1:25)</i>
<b>Closing Remarks</b>	<b>Veda E. Ward, Ph.D. (1:25-1:30)</b>

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION FOR WOMEN 2013**  
**28<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL WOMEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS LUNCHEON**  
**PROGRAM SCRIPT**

**Welcome & Opening Remarks.....Becky Shevlin**  
**Events Committee Chair**

**Becky: Welcome from the Awards Luncheon Chair**

On behalf of the Los Angeles County Commission for Women, I would like to welcome each of you to the 28th Annual Women of the Year Awards Luncheon. The LA County Commission for Women, along with the LA County Board of Supervisors takes this opportunity to recognize and celebrate women who have made extraordinary contributions to enhance the social and economic status of women within the County while also serving as outstanding role models for all of us to emulate.

In addition to recognizing the Women of the Year recipients, this luncheon is currently our main means of raising funds to provide scholarships for the education and training of young women who would not otherwise be able to afford college and vocational programs. It is truly moving to listen to the recipients share their personal stories and how receiving the scholarship money impacts their lives. You will have the opportunity to hear from one of these young women today and we invite you to become a sponsor in this incredible program. At your table you will find information about the scholarship program and donation envelopes. Hopefully you can make a donation today but if not, please feel free to take the envelope home with you to share with a friend or for later return by mail. Remember, no donation is too small and all donations are greatly appreciated.

Over 37 years ago, the LA County Board of Supervisors established the Commission for Women to be the catalyst within the County to recognize, promote, and celebrate women and their issues. In promoting this mission, the Commission's theme this year is "Educating, Motivating, and Inspiring Women". The dedicated members of the Commission have selflessly volunteered their time and talents to promote this theme and the mission of improving the lives of women throughout the County. As a member of the

Commission representing the 5<sup>th</sup> District, I have been inspired by the commitment of my fellow members. On behalf of all of the citizens of Los Angeles County I would like to thank and congratulate these incredible women for their service.

This event is made possible by the joint efforts of many people and organizations. I would especially like to thank our sponsors: Kaiser Permanente, QueensCare; our gracious Mistress of Ceremony, Alysha Del Valle; the members of the Awards Luncheon Committee: Ruth V. Creary, Ph.D.; Charlotte Lesser, Alice S. Petrossian, Olivia Rodriguez; and Commission Services Staff, for their generosity of time and efforts to make this event come to fruition.

Congratulations to each and every one of our Award recipients at today's luncheon and to all the women throughout Los Angeles County who are making their personal contributions to improve the lives of women who live in this great County. May the celebration of the achievements of these extraordinary women serve as inspiration for all of us to carry their messages out into our communities to enhance the lives of those with whom we live and work.

Once again, thank you for joining us today and for your generosity in supporting the Commission's work. Enjoy this festive occasion!

And, now it is my pleasure to welcome the President of the Commission, Veda E. Ward, Ph.D.

**Veda:     President's Welcome**

Thank you Commissioner Shevlin. Good Morning and Welcome to the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual "Women of the Year" Awards Luncheon. Before I introduce our Mistress of Ceremonies, let me extend a warm and sincere "Thank You" for

joining us today to honor 10 exceptional women who have made major contributions to the lives of women in Los Angeles County.

Congratulations to all of the 2013 “Women of the Year”. It is a privilege for us to recognize your outstanding work and salute you as role models for all women and future generations.

On behalf of the Los Angeles County Commission for Women, I also extend my deep appreciation to each of our sponsors for the generous support and contributions for this event. A portion of this year proceeds from the event will help fund educational scholarships for young women.

This year’s Awards Luncheon is entitled, “*Educating, Motivating and Inspiring Women*”, and we recognize women who have dedicated much of their time to promote women’s equality and improving the quality of life for women.

I am deeply grateful to the Awards Luncheon Committee, especially Chair Shevlin, and Commission Staff for their dedication and hard work in the planning of this event.

I would also like to acknowledge members of the Commission for their commitment to serve for the Board of Supervisors and the community on behalf of women. Commissioners, would you please stand, I’d like to recognize you. Thank you.

There are also many former Commissioners and Past “Women of the Year” Awardees. So, ladies, please stand or raise your hand as we’d like to recognize you. Thank you.

### **Introduction of Alysha Del Valle, Mistress of Ceremonies**

Now, the Los Angeles County Commission for Women is honored to introduce Ms. Alysha Del Valle, our Mistress of Ceremonies.

Alysha Del Valle is the weekday morning traffic reporter for ABC7 Eyewitness News at 4:30 a.m., 5:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. She began her broadcasting career on the assignment desk at UPN/Fox 11 News, as well as doing field reporting for local stories. Shortly after, she reported on Southern California traffic for the “The George Lopez Morning Show” at Hot 92 Jamz. She then moved on to morning show positions at 102.7 KIIS FM (Los Angeles). As part of “Rick Dees in the Morning” and “On-Air with Ryan Seacrest,” Alysha reported on entertainment in her “filmgirl” segment, as well as lifestyle and cultural news with her daily “On the Streets with Alysha Del Valle” segment. In her evenings Alysha hosted and produced several shows on the nationally viewed LATV Network, including “LATV Live,” and then co-hosted on LATINO 96.3 FM. Alysha has been officially recognized by Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa for her community service.

Please join me in welcoming **Alysha Del Valle**, our Mistress of Ceremonies.

**Greetings..... Alysha Del Valle, Mistress of Ceremonies**

**Alysha:** Thank you, Veda E. Ward, Ph.D., and my very distinguished colleagues. It is an honor to be here among such notable social crusaders in the ongoing struggle for women’s equality.

*(ALYSHA: at this point you can insert your own anecdotes of the day about 1-2 mins.)*

**Greetings to VIPs.....Alysha Del Valle  
(VIP List will be at podium)**

**Alysha:** I would like to acknowledge some special guests expected to be here with us today.

*(ALYSHA: after your welcome remarks, you will introduce the VIPs and the members of the Commission. This list will be provided to you that morning. It will consist of Board of Supervisor Members, elected officials, County Department Heads, etc. You will adlib this portion of the program.)*

**Alysha:** Thank you. The Commission is honored to have such distinguished dignitaries among us in support of this year’s reception.

**Invocation..... Sister Mary Sean Hodges**

**Alysha:** And now, I would like to introduce, **Sister Mary Sean Hodges** who will give the Invocation.

***Invocation by Sr. Mary Sean Hodges, O.P.***

**Presentation of Flags.....Color Guard**

**Alysha:** Will everyone **who is able to**, please stand for the presentation of the Flags by the Los Angeles County Fire Department Honor Guard.

**The Los Angeles County Fire Department Honor Guard presents flags**

*(Alysha: first you will introduce the Los Angeles County Fire Department Honor Guard. Once the Honor Guard presents the flags you will begin the Pledge)*

**Pledge of Allegiance.....Alysha Del Valle**

**Alysha Del Valle:** *(begin the Pledge):* I pledge Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic...

*(Alysha: The Singer will already be up front ready to sing the National Anthem. When they are done the Honor Guard will leave after the last note of the National Anthem)*

**Alysha:** We proudly and sincerely thank you for your service.

**Introduction of the Singer.....Alysha Del Valle**

**Alysha:** Thank you for such a beautiful rendition of our National Anthem. Please give a warm welcome to the Singer.....

**(The Singer will sing a second song titled” Shine a Little Light.”)**

**Alysha:** Thank you and how about one more round of applause.

**(The Singer will be escorted out of the room by a staff member. Please continue with the Program, as they leave the room. )**

**Presentation to Sponsors.....Veda E. Ward, Ph.D. and Becky Shevlin**

**Alysha:** We would like to thank our Corporate Sponsors for their help in making this Award's Luncheon such a success. By underwriting this event, your dollars will go towards helping women in this County and providing educational scholarships to young women. Will our corporate sponsor representatives, please join us on stage to receive their scrolls, and remain onstage for photographs. (with Alysha, Veda and Becky)

Please hold your applause until all our sponsors have been acknowledged.

**Alysha:** The Los Angeles Commission for Women would like to take a moment to acknowledge our Sponsors.

**Diamond Sponsor KAISER PERMANENTE**

**Silver Sponsor QUEENSCARE**

**Alysha:** Thank you to all of our wonderful sponsors.

(DURING LUNCH BREAK)

**Presentation from Scholarship Recipient.....Veda E. Ward, Ph.D.**

**(Jasmine Torres scholarship recipient will join President Veda E. Ward on stage)**

**Veda:** As you already heard earlier, the Commission is committed to providing educational scholarships for young women. On January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012, the Commission honored 30 scholarship recipients. These remarkable young women attended a half day orientation where they listened to informational speakers and were provided valuable information on topics such as women's health and consumer literacy. Following a healthy lunch, the girls were presented certificates during the Board of Supervisors meeting. This summer we will be awarding 30 scholarships. We are honored today to have one of our past scholarship recipient joining me on stage-Jasmine Torres.

**Veda:** Ms. Torres will tell us what the scholarship meant to her.

**Jasmine Torres.....Remarks 1 min. max**

**Veda:** We also have some of our past recipients joining us today. Will you ladies please stand or wave your hand. Please join me in congratulating these young women for overcoming barriers and their dedication to pursuing their education.

*(Break for lunch)*  
**15 minutes**

*(In the event that one of the Supervisors cannot stay for the entire luncheon the program order may change)*

*(Staff will inform the MC when the 5 minutes remaining before the program will start while lunch is being served.)*

**Alysha:** And now, I hope you all brought your appetites. Today’s lunch was prepared by the good people of The Millennium Biltmore Hotel. In a few minutes, we will be hearing from a special guest while lunch is being served.

**2013 Women of the Year District Awardee and  
Community-At-Large Awardee Presentations**

**Alysha:** Now it’s time to honor the thirteen women we are recognizing today. We will start with the Education Awardee.

*(Becky Shevlin, Event Chair and Veda E. Ward, Ph.D., Commission President, will present the award to the awardees, following the awardees acceptance speech, Ms. Shevlin or Ms. Ward will escort the awardee to the right of the stage where a staff member will escort them to the photo area, also to the right of the stage, off the stage.)*

**Education Award Presentation.....Alysha Del Valle**

**Alysha:** The Education Award of the Los Angeles County Commission for Women is awarded to women who exemplify the characteristics of our Woman of the Year Awardees, and have made a significant impression on the sitting president of the commission through their deeds and actions as an individual that have benefited others. This year’s Education’s Award is presented to **Joyce Feucht-Haviar**.

On behalf of the Commission, it gives me great pleasure to honor **Joyce Feucht-Haviar** with the Education Award.

**Joyce Feucht-Haviar (acceptance).....2 minutes max.**

**Alysha:** Our next awardees are the Second District Women of the Year. I am honored to introduce Second District, Supervisor, the Honorable Mark Ridley-Thomas and the Second District awardees **Marsha Temple**.

(Supervisor Ridley-Thomas will read awardee bio and add his remarks)

**Remarks.....The Honorable Mark Ridley-Thomas**

**Marsha Temple (acceptance).....2 minutes max.**

*(After Supervisor Ridley-Thomas’ remarks and the awardee’s acceptance speech, Alysha continues)*

**Community-At-Large Awards Presentation:**  
**Health, Education & Law/Public Safety**

**Alysha:** Now, we will continue with our Community-At-Large Honorees.

*(Becky Shevlin, Event Chair and Veda E. Ward, Ph.D., Commission President, will present the award to the awardees, following the awardees acceptance speech, Ms. Shevlin or Ms. Ward will escort the awardee to the right of the stage where a staff member will escort them to the photo area, also to the right of the stage, off of the stage.)*

**Alysha:** Today, we are honoring a very special woman in the Health Category. Our Awardee is **Xiomara Flores-Holguin**.

Xiomara Flores-Holguin’s bio

The Commission is proud to name Xiomara Flores-Holguin, our Women of the Year Awardee.

**Xiomara Flores-Holguin (acceptance)..... 2 mins. max**

**Alysha: Zna Portlock Houston, Esq.** our honoree in the Law/Public Safety category.

The Commission for Women salutes Zna Portlock Houston, Esq. as one of our Women of the Year!

**Zna Portlock Houston (acceptance)..... 2 mins. max**

**District Award Presentations from the Supervisors**

**Alysha:** Every year, each Supervisor selects a Woman of the Year from his or her district to be awarded for her outstanding contribution in the community. We already have recognized the 2<sup>nd</sup> District magnificent awardees and now it is time to introduce the Woman of the Year from the 1<sup>st</sup> District.

*(Becky Shevlin, Event Chair and Veda E. Ward, Ph.D. Commission President, will hand the award to the Supervisor who will present it to the awardees, following the awardees acceptance speech, Ms. Becky Shevlin or Ms. Ward will escort the awardee and the Supervisor to the right of the stage where a staff member will escort them to the photo area, also to the right of the stage, off the stage.)*

**Alysha:** I would like to introduce First District Supervisor Gloria Molina and the First District Awardee **Gloria Chavez.**

(Supervisor Molina will read awardee bio and add her remarks)

**Remarks.....The Honorable Supervisor Molina  
Gloria Chavez.....2 minutes max.**

*(After Supervisor Molina’s remarks and the awardee’s acceptance speech  
Alysha continues)*

**Alysha: And from the Third, Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, and the Third  
District Awardee **Kim Lamorie.****

*(Supervisor Yaroslavsky will read awardee bio and add his remarks)*

**Remarks.....The Honorable Zev Yaroslavsky  
Kim Lamorie (acceptance).....2 minutes max.**

*(After Supervisor Yaroslavsky’s remarks and the awardee’s acceptance  
speech, Alysha continues)*

**Alysha: And from the Fourth District, Supervisor Don Knabe(Kah-nah-  
bee) and the Fourth District Awardee **Sara Pol-Lim.****

*(Supervisor Knabe will read awardee bio and add his remarks)*

**Remarks.....The Honorable Don Knabe  
Sara Pol-Lim (acceptance).....2 minutes max.**

*(After Supervisor Knabe’s remarks and the awardee’s acceptance speech, Alysha continues)*

**Alysha:** And from the Fifth District, Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich and Fifth District Awardees Gloria Pollack, Karen Sutherland, and Ingrid Chapman.

(Supervisor will read awardees bio and add his remarks)

**Remarks.....The Honorable Michael D. Antonovich**

**Gloria Pollack .....Acceptance 2 mins. Max**  
**Karen Sutherland.....Acceptance 2 mins. Max**  
**Ingrid Chapman.....Acceptance 2 mins, Max**

*(After the Honorable Michael Antonovich’s remarks and the awardees’ acceptance speeches, Becky Shevlin will continue with Closing Remarks)*

**Closing Remarks**

**Becky:** In closing, I would like to thank our honorees for all your hard work and dedication to the advancement of women. I would like to thank each of you for your unwavering support of the efforts of the Los Angeles County Commission for Women. And lastly, I would like to thank you, Alysha Del Valle, for sharing your time with us this afternoon.

(present Alysha with flowers)

This event is made possible through the contributions of the planning committee and long hours of our staff. We hope that you enjoyed today's festivities.

Now please take a look at the back of your souvenir journal, if you see a gold star you get to take home the beautiful centerpiece.

Thank you all for contributing to the success of this event!